

FLEXIBLE MARKING OF RECORDING DATA BY A RECORDING UNIT

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ABSTRACT

10 The invention enables a recorder (i.e., a person in control of a recording unit according to the invention) to mark a recording as an event is being recorded. A mark can be specified using a tactile control mechanism (which can be physically integrated with, or separate from, other components of the recording unit) adapted for that purpose or can be specified by a voice command. The invention can enable the specification of a mark so that the mark is associated with recording data obtained at a time other than the time at which the mark is specified ("non-contemporaneous marking"), i.e., prior to the time of the mark ("retrospective marking") or after the time of the mark ("predictive marking"). The invention can also enable the use of multiple types of marks, each type of mark having a particular meaning. Additionally, the invention can enable marking capability to be implemented so that specification of a mark causes predetermined operation of the recording unit in accordance with the type of the mark ("augmented marking").

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